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(Case No. 05-1026-US)

PATENT

Re Application of:

Vernon et al.

Serial No.: 10/527,543 ✓

Filing Date: January 18, 2006

For: Methods for Sterilization Using In Situ
Gelling Materials

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) Group Art Unit: 1614
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) Examiner: TBD
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) Confirmation No.: 7174
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TRANSMITTAL LETTER

Commissioner for Patents
PO Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir/Madam:

In regard to the above-identified U.S. patent application;

1. We are transmitting herewith the attached:

- ☒ Transmittal Letter (in Dup.)
- ☒ Information Disclosure Statement (IDS) (4 sheets);
- ☒ IDS Form 1449 (2 sheets);
- ☒ 2 Cited References (Copies of references 2-3 are enclosed herewith);
- ☒ Return Receipt Postcard.

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Respectfully submitted,

David S. Harper, Ph.D.
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INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

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Dear Sir:

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. Section 1.97 - 1.99, the Applicant wishes to make the following references of record in the above-identified application. This Information Disclosure Statement is in compliance with the continuing duty of candor as set forth in 37 C.F.R. Section 1.56. Copies of the references cited below are enclosed. These references are also listed on the enclosed PTO Form 1449.

In the judgment of the undersigned, portions of the listed references may be material to the Examiner's consideration of the presently pending claims. However, the references have not been reviewed in sufficient detail to make any other representation and, in particular, no representation is intended as to the relative relevance between references, whether cited in this or prior statements. This statement is not a representation that the listed references have effective dates early enough to be "prior art" within the meaning of 35 U.S.C. Section 102 or Section 103.

This Information Disclosure Statement is being filed:

- ☒ within three months of the filing date of a national application; within three months of the date of entry into the national stage as set forth in 37 C.F.R. § 1.491 in an international application; or before the mailing date of a first Office Action on the merits. 37 C.F.R. § 1.97 (b)
- ☐ **after** three months of the filing date of a national application, or the date of entry into the national stage as set forth in 37 C.F.R. § 1.491 in an international application; or **after** the mailing date of a first Office Action on the merits, but **before** the mailing date of a Final Action under 37 C.F.R. § 1.113 or a Notice of Allowance under 37 C.F.R. § 1.311 (whichever occurs first), and includes (37 C.F.R. § 1.97 (c):
- ☐ the Certification under 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(e) (see “Certification” below)

OR

- ☐ the fee of \$180.00 set forth in 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(p) (see “Fees” below).
- ☐ **after** a Final Action under 37 C.F.R. § 1.113 or a Notice of Allowance under 37 C.F.R. § 1.311 (whichever occurs first), but before, or simultaneously with, the payment of the issue fee, and includes the Certification under 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(e) (see “Certification” below), and the Petition Fee set forth in 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(i) (see “Fees” and “Method of Payment of Fees” below). Applicants hereby petitions for consideration of the Information Disclosure Statement submitted herewith and the accompanying references in examination of the subject patent application.

CERTIFICATION

- ☐ The **undersigned** hereby certifies that each item of information contained in the Information Disclosure Statement was cited in a communication from a foreign patent office in a counterpart foreign patent application not more than three months prior to the filing of the Information Disclosure Statement.
- ☐ The **undersigned** hereby certifies that no item of information contained in the Information Disclosure Statement was cited in a communication from a foreign patent office in a counterpart foreign patent application or, to the knowledge of the person signing the certification after making reasonable inquiry, was known to any individual designated in 37 C.F.R. § 1.56(c) more than three months prior to the filing of the Information Disclosure Statement.

FEES



No fee is owed by the applicant(s).



The IDS Fee of \$180.00 under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(p) is enclosed herewith.

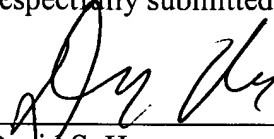
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Attached is a check in the amount of \$180.00

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United States Patents

1. Wallace, et al., U.S. Patent No. 5,989,580, Issued on November 23, 1999.

Foreign Documents

2. PCT Patent Publication No. WO 2000/44808, published August 3, 2000.

Other Documents

3. Vernon et al., "Water-borne, in Situ crosslinked biomaterials from phase-segregated precursors". J. Biomed Mater Res. A Volume 64(3), 2003, pages 447-456.

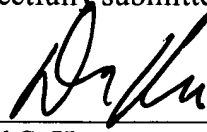
In accordance with MPEP Sections 609 and 707.05(b), it is requested the document cited (including any cited in applicant's specification which is not repeated on the attached Form PTO-1449) be given thorough consideration and that it be cited of record in the prosecution history of the present application by initialing on Form PTO-1449. Such initialing is requested even if the

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Respectfully submitted,

Date: February 28, 2007

By:



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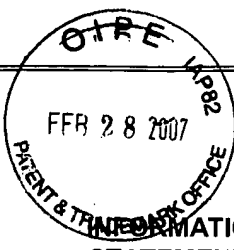
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U.S. PATENT DOCUMENTS

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	1.	5,989,580	11/23/1999	Wallace, et al.			

FOREIGN PATENT DOCUMENTS

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							Yes	No
	2.	WO2000/44808	08/03/2000	PCT				

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OTHER DOCUMENTS (Including Author, Title, Date, Pertinent Pages, Etc).

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